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Report from Shanghai—Communicable diseases—Declaration of infection against Niuchwang and Amoy withdrawn.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 20, as follows:

During the week ended October 15, 1904, there were issued 4 supplemental and 1 original bills of health, and there were inspected 5 vessels, 575 crew, 137 cabin and 274 steerage passengers. Two cases of illness which proved to be nonquarantinable were investigated. There were also inspected 158 pieces of personal baggage and 6 pieces were disinfected. Manifests were viséed for 39,456 pieces of freight.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows: Smallpox, 3 deaths; diphtheria, 4; tuberculosis, 32—all among Chinese. There was 1 case of enteric fever reported among the foreign population. The total reported mortality was 2 foreigners and 139 natives.

Smallpox (1 case) is reported present at Chefoo, which is the only outpost reporting quarantinable disease.

The consular body of Shanghai and the commissioner of imperial customs have withdrawn the declaration of infection against Niuchwang and Amoy.

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Report on sanitary conditions at Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon, now in Washington, reports, November 16, as follows:

There is practically no sewerage system in the city.

The streets in the business section are kept fairly clean by daily sweeping. In the residence section, especially near the bay front, the streets are not kept at all clean, fruit and food refuse being allowed to remain in them all of the time.

The houses of the poorer people—who are three-fourths of the population—are positively filthy from accumulation of ordinary house refuse. There are very few flush water-closets, and none that connect with sewers. Nearly all are surface closets in the houses of the poorer class, and these are seldom cleaned. The better classes of houses have cesspools. These have not been cleaned for four years.

The drinking water of the city is of poor quality and not in nearly sufficient quantity, the water pipes being open only from one to two hours in the day. To sum up, Cienfuegos is in a very insanitary condition from every point of view.

Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillán reports as follows:

Week ended November 12, 1904. Two vessels were inspected with a total crew of 67, and 135 passengers. The vessels were in good sanitary condition, and no sickness. The 135 steerage passengers inspected were in transit for Santiago de Cuba. No improvement is noted in the sanitary condition of the city. No quarantinable disease entered the port during the week.

Report from Matanzas—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports as follows:

During the week ended November 12, 1904, 3 bills of health were issued to vessels leaving for United States ports.

One case of scarlet fever and 3 of varicella have been reported in